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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of

Inventor: Koji IMURA

Group Art Unit: 2613

Appln. No.: 09/787,289

Examiner: A. Rao

Filed: March 15, 2001

For: CODING APPARATUS AND CODING METHOD OF TIME-VARYING
IMAGE SIGNAL

AMENDMENT UNDER 37 CFR § 1.111

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated October 9, 2003,
Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and allowance of
this application in light of the following remarks.

A substitute specification and a marked-up copy of the
substitute specification, showing the changes to the original
specification, are provided to clarify the description of the
invention, as requested in the Office Action. No new matter is
believed to be introduced by the substitute specification.

Claims 1-11 stand rejected, under 35 USC §102(e), as being
anticipated by Hannuksela et al. (US 6,611,561). The Office
Action states that Applicant cannot rely on the foreign priority
papers to overcome this rejection because a translation of the

papers has not been made of record in accordance with 37 CFR §1.55 (Office Action, section 5).

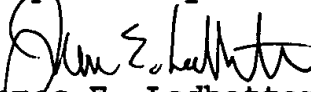
As suggested in the Office Action, Applicant encloses a translation of the foreign priority papers in accordance with 37 CFR §1.55 to overcome the rejections of claims 1-11. As a result, Hannuksela is disqualified as a prior art reference against claims 1-11. Therefore, allowance of claims 1-11 is warranted.

In view of the above, it is submitted that this application is in condition for allowance and a notice to that effect is respectfully solicited.

If any issues remain which may best be resolved through a telephone communication, the Examiner is requested to telephone the undersigned at the local Washington, D.C. telephone number listed below.

Date: January 9, 2004
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Respectfully submitted,


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